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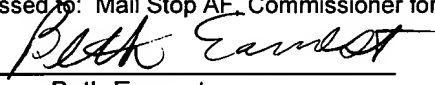
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In Re Application of: Dennis J. Malfer et al.)
Serial Number: 09/776,036)
Filed: 02/02/2001)
For: Secondary Amine Mannich)
Detergents)

Examiner: Cephia D. Toomer
Art Group: 1714

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Summary of Telephone Interview with the Examiner (conducted on October 14, 2003) and a Response After Final Office Action in the subject application.

Petition for Extension of Time

☐ Applicant(s) petition for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, the fee for which is \$_____ (enclosed).

☒ Applicant(s) believe that no petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, Applicant(s) hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1372. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,


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Summary of Telephone Interview with the Examiner
Under 37 CFR § 1.133

Applicants hereby present in writing a summary of an interview that took place on October 14, 2003 with the Examiner, Cephia D. Toomer, and Dennis Rainear and Kathleen Urso, on behalf of the Applicants with respect to Application Number 09/776,036. The subject matter of the present application was discussed in light of the primary cited reference, EP 182,940. Applicants proposed amending the claims to specify that the hydroxyaromatic compound would be ortho-cresol, and further that the hydrocarbyl substituent would have a number average molecular weight ranging from about 900 to about 3000. This is supported by the specification at page 17, lines 18-21. Ms. Urso argued that the disclosure of EP 182,940 listed dibutylamine, the amine constituent of the present application, among a broad list of compounds in a general list—and is not the preferred embodiment as in the present application. Further, Applicants presented a sheet of data, which is hereby attached to this correspondence for inclusion in the record, which demonstrated unexpected success using dibutylamine in the Mannich reaction. The Examiner stated that the amendments to the claims with respect to the hydroxyaromatic compound would overcome the reference, placing the application in condition for allowance.

Response After Final Office Action

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's Final Office Action dated July 23, 2003.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claims 1-9, 13, 59 and 63 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as well as the rejections of Claims 14-31, 35-53, 57-58, and 64-65 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), are overcome by the arguments and amendments presented herein. It is respectfully submitted that the present application, as presently amended, is now in condition for allowance.